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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1615  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q68143

Susumu MARUO , et al.

Appln. No.: 10/031,409

Group Art Unit: 1615

Confirmation No.: 2146

Examiner: Humera N. Sheikh

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: OINTMENT APPLICATOR AND OINTMENT PATCH USING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003. A Petition and payment for a two-month extension of time are attached, making this Response due on or before December 8, 2003.

Please consider the following remarks.